



Southampton Sustainability Forums

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Introduction

- Green Committee organized 2 public forums to solicit public opinion on their vision for Southampton's future
 - October 13 at Tuckahoe School
 - October 18 at Hampton Bays Senior Center
- This is a summary of what we heard

Top Votes

Water

- Restore surface waters: bays, harbors, coasts
- No pesticide use on waterfront property

Education

- Rebuild/repurpose the College – education, health
- Education in recycling
- Education in sustainability: K – 12, adult

Energy

- Net zero energy future for Southampton Town
- Increased use of wind and solar power

Government

- Be a "model" green town - an example to others

Transportation

- Comprehensive, integrated transportation plan
- More bicycles and shuttle buses

Top Votes

Business

- **Promote Green Economic Zone now**
- **Alternative energy incentives and waivers**

Zoning

- **Development in clustered hamlet centers**
- **Complete and adopt Town waterfront plan**

Land

- **Tree-cutting regulation - no clear cutting**
- **Reinventing landscaping**

Recycle/Waste

- **More recycling opportunities**

Agriculture

- **Use local food**
- **Keep farmland in production**
- **Promote aquaculture**



Water

Water Quality

- Restore surface waters: bays, harbors, coasts
- No pesticide use on waterfront property
- Water conservation and innovative use
- Protecting and understanding water
- Improved monitoring and compliance for clean water
- Surface water that is as least as good as 30 years ago
- No building on wetlands
- Groundwater meets EPA drinking water standards

Septic Systems

- Reassessment of septic management
- Best available sewage treatment

Water conservation education

Education

Southampton Campus

- Reuse/repurpose for sustainability education *and/or* community health center

Education

- Recycling *
- Sustainability education: K - Grad
- Science for citizens
- Gardens/food co-ops
- Water conservation
- Environmental awareness for children

Promote a deep personal connection to Southampton environment



Energy



Net Zero Energy

- Net zero energy for Southampton Town *

Renewables

- Increased use of wind and solar power
- Low cost solar or geothermal in 50% of houses
- Small wind turbines on all structures wherever possible

Buildings

- Hybrid retrofit using renewables, passive energy, efficient equipment
- Energy reduction in buildings: 50%
- Energy retrofit for Seniors
- Retrofit houses for energy efficiency
- Reduce home energy use

Reduce CO2 and ecological footprint

- Green techniques

Government

Sustainable Infrastructure

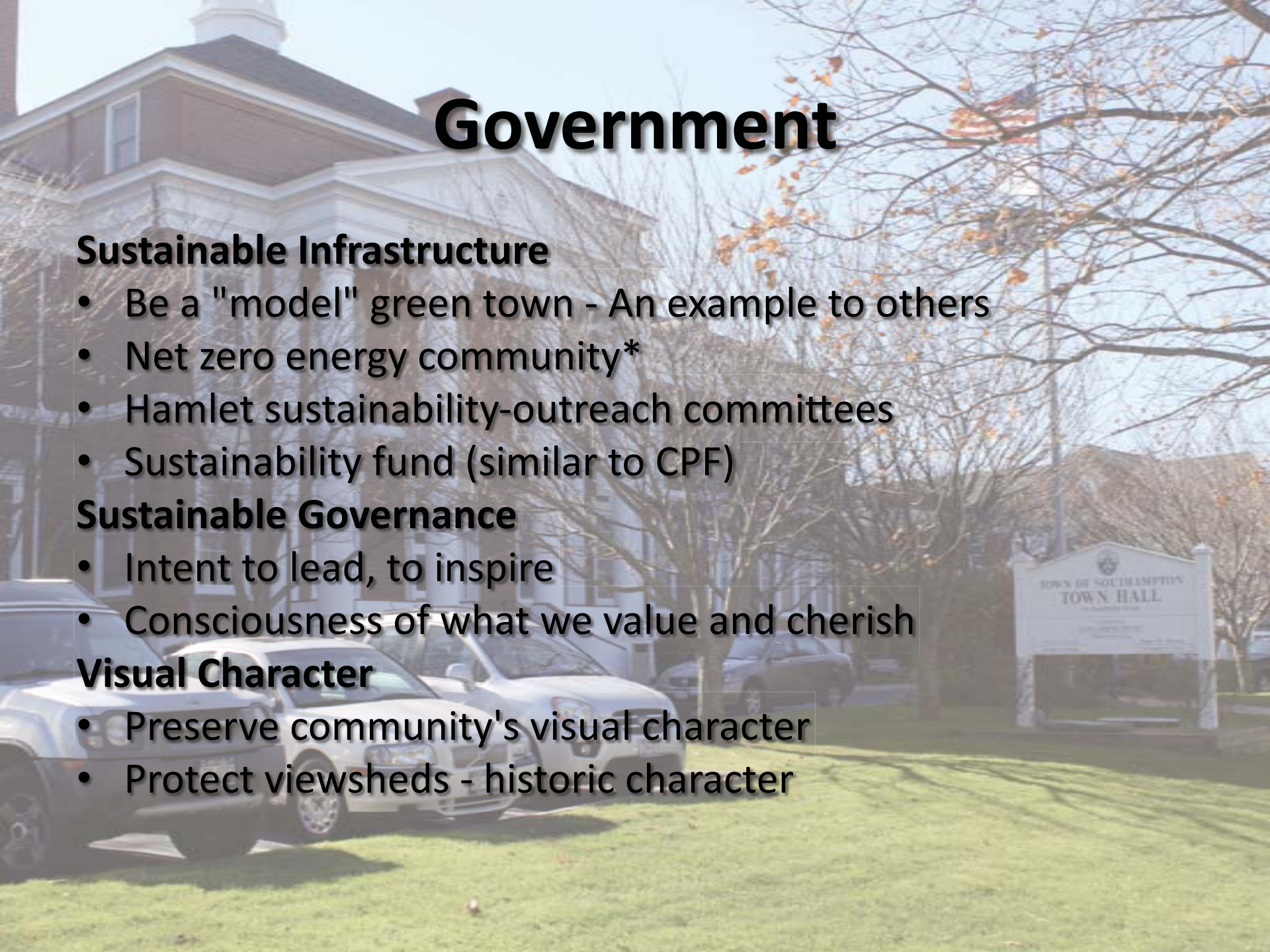
- Be a "model" green town - An example to others
- Net zero energy community*
- Hamlet sustainability-outreach committees
- Sustainability fund (similar to CPF)

Sustainable Governance

- Intent to lead, to inspire
- Consciousness of what we value and cherish

Visual Character

- Preserve community's visual character
- Protect viewsheds - historic character



Transportation

Transportation Infrastructure

- Comprehensive, integrated transportation plan
- Intermodal transport - 5 East End Towns
- Green hamlets - bicycle lanes, shuttle buses
- More use of buses

Bicycles, Shuttles

- Increased bicycling
- Bicycle lanes, walking trails
- Access to beaches without using cars
- Summer bicycles
- Community shuttle system
- Zero-emission shuttle buses



Business



Green Businesses

- Promote Green Economic Zone Now
- Alternative energy incentives, waivers
- Develop Local Green Think Tank
- Attract Green Industry Base

Workforce Housing

- Abundant Green workforce Housing

Diverse Businesses

- Promote small business/ no large chain stores
- Encourage film-making & recreation
- Restaurant energy/water conservation
- Ecotourism

Zoning

Density

- Development in clustered hamlet centers
- Increased density to decrease per-capita energy use
- Higher density, walkable, lower energy consumption centers

Planning

- Complete and adopt Town waterfront plan
- "Less is more" in land use and design*
- Buy more land
- Limit coastal construction to reflect global warming

Local Changes

- Continuous walkway from Red Creek to Dune Road



Land Management

Landscaping

- Reinventing landscaping
- Tree-cutting regulation - no clear cutting
- “Less is more” in land use and design*

Chemicals

- Organic Property Management
- Non-chemical property management

Recycling/Waste

Recycling

- More recycling opportunities
- Education in recycling*

Waste

- Use waste as a resource
- Minimize production of waste
- Zero waste

Compost

- Home compost
- Composting toilets
- All residents compost in backyard



Agriculture

- Local Food
 - Local food in schools
 - Local food/meat production
 - Local sustainable Agriculture
- Incentivize aquaculture
- Farmland
 - Keep farmland in production
 - Organic farming best practices
 - Incentivize agricultural best practices



Next steps

- Green Committee studies existing plans
 - LI 2035 by Regional Plan Association
 - NYS CAP
 - East End towns
 - Coordinate with Town Planning Department
 - Recommend sustainability vision to Town Board
 - Propose modifications to Town Comprehensive Plan to implement vision, including details
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- A photograph of two white swans swimming in a body of water. The swans are positioned in the center of the frame, facing right. The water is a deep blue with some ripples. In the foreground, there are tall, dry, yellowish-brown reeds or grasses that are slightly out of focus. The background is a continuation of the blue water and sky.

Notes

- Categories are ranked by total votes.
- Top votes in each category are in **bold**.
- The three goals with asterisks are counted in two categories.

“Education in Recycling”

Categories: Education and Recycling

“Net Zero Energy for Southampton Town”

Categories: Energy and Government

“Less is More in land use and design”

Categories: Zoning and Land